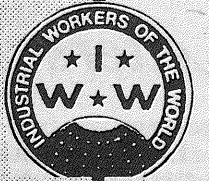


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## Rich men's club plans attacks against sick, old and unemployed

Summary of news from Reuter News Agency, Tokyo, 7 July 1993:

Leaders of the world's richest countries, the so-called G-7, discussed "a confidential report" July 8-10 in Tokyo. The report drafted by G-7 Finance ministers, says G-7 states must consider such steps as raising the retirement age, cutting pensions and reducing health care services. The report says cost cutting should aim to "keep the governments involvement in the economy at an appropriate level, to create room for private investment, to help keep the stock of public debt manageable and to maintain scope for fiscal manoeuvre."

"Sound macro-economic policies are important to address the cyclical component of unemployment. However, they are unlikely to be effective in reducing the structural element of unemployment."

[Thus] the key to tackling the deeper-rooted joblessness will be new guidelines to MAKE IT EASIER TO HIRE AND FIRE WORKERS and cut back on welfare and unemployment payments that discourage laid-off workers to look for another job.

"It is necessary to take such measures as rationalizing the health care system," the report said. Among suggestions it listed were raising the retirement age, curtailing medical services to the old, reducing pension payments, encouraging people to lead a healthier life and launching training programs for the aged.

It is a long time since this world's rich have been so frank about their aims. As long as the trade union movement could successfully mitigate against gross exploitation and defend the Welfare State, the ruling capitalist powers were careful to give lip service to principles of trade union rights, equal wages, social benefits, etc. As these rulings circles gradually monopolize the means of social control - mainly media and educational insti-

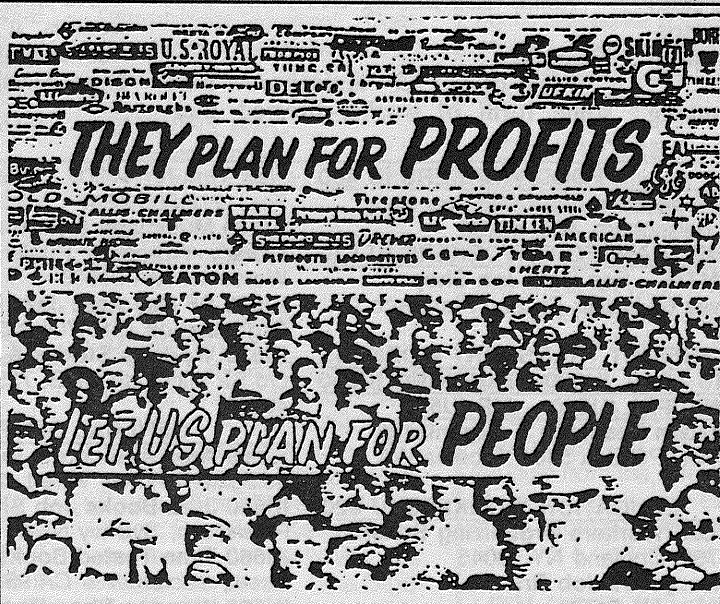
tutions - their need to maintain a friendly appearance disappears.

with less. To them, the same bosses say that any attempt to create a union will result in transfer of the plant to another location. Ruling capitalist circles have always played worker against worker, nation against nation, people against people. They don't hesitate to incite people in one country to fight against people in another country - after arming both sides with deadly weapons.

For us, working people throughout the world, in the mines, hospitals, schools, orchestras, office buildings, airlines, trains, computer centers, factories, freezing plants, post offices, and other workplaces owned by capitalists or state bureaucracies, we have one response: **Solidarity, the unity of the working class!** This is

the most effective response to a global social calamity which looms on the horizon and gets nearer. We should capitalize on our sense of justice, on principles of democracy, on our understanding of the nature and implications of imperialism and on our rich human resources, to build a true international workers solidarity!

--Elias Davidsson, Iceland



Old people are now told they are a burden. The Nazis of pre-War Germany also began to eliminate "useless" people. From the point of view of international capitalism, it would indeed be more economical to eliminate all those whose labour cannot be exploited (due to age, sickness or other factors) and those who have no money to buy -- the majority of the world's population. The utilitarian logic of unfettered capitalism, as represented by the above report, contains the seeds of genocide.

We should unite, old and young, people from all countries, against this deadly ideology and its practitioners, if we wish civilization to continue on this Earth. Workers are asked to willingly subject our livelihood and our families to the whims of adventurous speculators, acting on a global scale and accountable to nobody. We are told that we are better off competing against each other, worker against worker. We are told that by working harder and eating less, more jobs will be created.

Workers in G7 countries are urged to work harder and accept less social protection and security, else their jobs will be moved to the Third World, where workers are supposedly content

## Isle of Skye Ferry Workers Fight Bank Of America

### Roads Privatised--Otter Habitat Blasted

For those of Scottish roots who know the old ballad "Over the Sea to Skye," I'm afraid the bad news is you may have to start singing "Over the Bridge to Skye," courtesy of the Bank of America. Yes the BOA has got its bloody claws into Britain's first privatised road scheme and is funding a \$27 million road bridge which will destroy one of Europe's largest Otter populations as well as put the local Ferry service out of business, axing 38 jobs.

Like any big-business/state scheme, the community is trampled on and no decision-making is put their way. Long before any enquiry was held the Scottish Office signed the contract with Miller-Dywidag, a German-Scottish construction consortium who quickly acquired the land for access roads, etc, already destroying one of the island's last woodlands. What is most sad is that Eilean Ban (one of the islands to be used for the scheme) is where Gavin Maxwell wrote one of the early environmental classics "Ring of Bright Water,"

the story of an otter returning to the wild. The area is an idyllic refuge for hundreds of otters but already rock blasting is destroying their habitat.

### JOB

Ecological aspects aside, it is the community and jobs that will suffer. A recent poll showed 80% of the population opposed the project and felt it detrimental to the island and their way of life. The Bank intends to repay its investment by charging 6 quid a go toll fee (highest in Europe). Those on low income will be stumped. Also the bank has not heeded local advice, so the bridge will be built on a natural fault line making it structurally unsafe. Considering the channel is renowned for its strong currents, this poses another risk for the community.

Naturally, the government has given BOA the monopoly, so a successful Ferry service will be closed down. Apart from Skye, many outer island communities also depend on the ferry service,

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## Bingo Workers Win Contract

--continued from Front Cover

In addition, all of the old wages and benefits are to remain in effect for 90 days to allow time for new contract negotiations.

Boulevard Bingo began its IWW organizing drive June 1992, after 10 workers were fired for protesting unfair work rules. The fired workers joined IWW and began a campaign of pickets, direct action, and NLRB charges. After being re-instated, then fired again, the workers filed a second set of charges including a Section 10(j) injunction ordering the hall to stop illegal labor practices.

### BANKRUPTCY ATTEMPTED

In late May, Bingo manager & PASCAL President John Havassy filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors, thus delaying the Administrative Law trial scheduled June 1. Although the bingo hall takes in half a million dollars a year, Havassy claimed lawyer fees and back wages were too much. Havassy also told the court that IWW workers were maliciously attempting to drive PASCAL out of business, and asked that no IWW workers be re-instated until after the business was re-organized.

Bankruptcy Court ordered NLRB proceedings delayed for 3 weeks. At June 10 Bankruptcy hearing, the judge said he wouldn't issue a ruling until the following Tuesday to allow time for a settlement to be reached.

### POINTS OF NEGOTIATION

With this deadline, bingo management realized it was fighting a losing battle. PASCAL's attorney contacted IWW with a settlement offer: PASCAL would re-instate 8 fired workers, but insisted on excluding 2 workers who are strong Union supporters. The IWW--IU630 Job Shop promptly rejected this offer and proposed instead that all 10 workers would be re-instated and the IWW would be given voluntary recognition as the collective bargaining agent for the workers. The IWW was willing to make concessions on back pay, but only in return for a signed Union

contract. Both PASCAL and Allied rejected this provision. The Bankruptcy judge then rejected PASCAL's request for an injunction, and ordered the NLRB trial to proceed on June 22.

### DEADLINE FORCES AGREEMENT

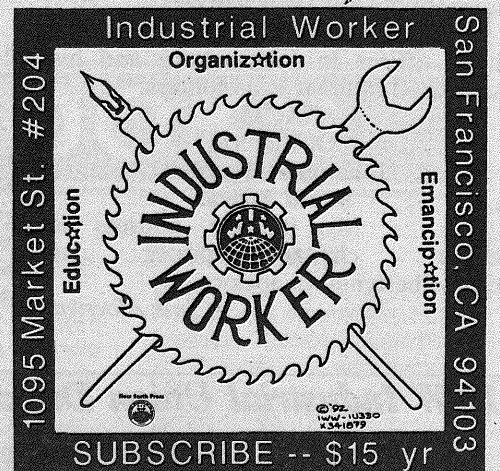
Once in court, the Administrative Law judge offered both sides a last chance to reach settlement before trial began. Again, the sticking point was Union recognition, and the judge bluntly stated that if an agreement was not reached by that afternoon, the trial would start next morning.

Faced with this threat, management agreed to the contract as described above. Although the workers didn't get everything they wanted, it is a tremendous victory. Wobblies have stuck together and fought for over a year against bingo management's illegal practices and legal maneuvering -- AND they compelled a man (John Havassy) who once swore that there would never be a Union in his bingo hall, to recognize the IWW and sign a contract with it. The contract is favorable on all of the issues which provoked the strike - work rules and disciplinary procedures.

Congratulations to the bingo workers on their victory! Their courage and fighting spirit are an inspiration to workers in small shops of the Lehigh Valley and across North America!

Update: Bingo workers reported that scabs, hired during the strike, were on the shop floor -- sometimes as part of management, sometimes not. At times, there were more "management" personnel on the floor than the number of workers. An IWW worker was told by Havassy not to report to work on Monday July 5, because the place was going to be run by all volunteers. But PASCAL's license was revoked by the District Attorney on that date. At last report, the Bingo hall is open only 2 days a week under Allied Air Force management, and all 10 IWW workers are on the job.

--X341341



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## Letters



Greetings,

I have been asked by Moshitoana Molala of the National Council of Trade Unions here in South Africa to request information to assist them in creating a series of workshops on environmental issues that would be appropriate for their workers.

Moshitoana works at the NACTU head offices in Johannesburg and his snail mail address is as follows:

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--Chris Albertyn

Dear Friends,

I was amazed at the outright lies about SOCF (Southern Ohio Correctional Facility) published in the establishment press. They call a consent decree a court order. They claim the guard murdered last year in Mansfield was killed by an inmate in maximum security, but in fact he was in a psychiatric ward at a close-security prison. There were many other lies.

Here is the actual low-down: it was a race riot! It was instigated by the officials! It started when a relatively new white c/o slammed a black Muslim inmate against the wall as the inmates were returning from the yard. The blacks then attacked white inmates and guards. Only after that section (L-side) was under partial control of the prisoners, did the prisoners decide it was in their best interest to unify.

It is my belief that high ranking

officials conned a rookie guard to do their dirty work. They wanted a mini-riot to justify a planned lockdown. A rookie cop was dumb enough to follow an immoral order. This started events that led to a mass tragedy and it might lead to further gulag over-crowding, more gulag building and further restrictions of our rights. This points out the validity of the IWW founders who said, "That if workers simply refuse to participate in evil, evil will not happen."

There is a lesson to all in this: Workers must be forever vigilant so as not to follow orders they know to be immoral and unethical.

--Jacob Feuerwerker

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Dear IW,

Most of our EF! actions now have some form of worker-directed liter-

ature, but only a few long term worker/environmental strategies being worked on. The recent EF! Gathering saw a Labor network set up. An IWW workshop is proposed for the September gathering. We hope by then to have bigger numbers and more labor-oriented folks. We're planning a direct action at Glastonbury Green/Pop festival (near 100,000), where IWW will have a large stall and workshops.

Those who produce the EF! mag *Do or Die* are really interested in the IW articles on alternative safe work environments etc. Some we were going to take, but too many American references. Be good to see a regular feature on this, but more general, so wider world links can be made. But no real worries, it's all grand stuff. Someone was asking is the Molly Maguire & Capt. Swing page still running?

--Davey Garland

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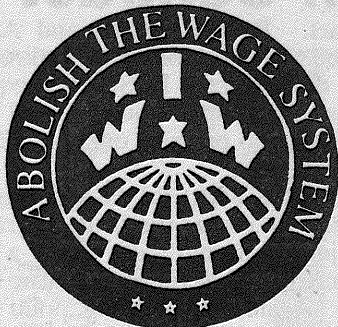
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# Is Your Job Killing You?

Growing numbers of workers are recognizing that they cannot rely upon the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and kindred state organizations to keep them alive and healthy on the job. The bosses' unquenchable thirst for higher profits and the government's determination to create a "pro-business" climate mean that workers who rely on the political process will be lucky to see the boss fined a few thousand dollars after their death--another casualty in the class war. Fortunately, workers need not rely on the bosses.

Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers local 4-449 in Texas City, Texas, for example, began addressing toxics as an organizing issue, after noticing how many of their members came down with serious illnesses. 4-449 Financial Secretary W.E. Sanders notes that industry management has a huge built-in advantage in the regulatory process, which tends to look at health and safety in economic and technical terms, rather than focussing on the quality of human life.

Instead, local 4-449 is uniting with community and environmental organizations to demand toxic-free workplaces and communities.

"We view the problems facing our workers as part of a larger problem

facing the communities in which we live and work," Sanders says. "The danger from toxic exposure travels beyond the plant gate. It impacts the health of the community that lives beyond the fence. It affects the environment that toxics harm when they are discharged. Ultimately it affects the survivability of the plants... that our people work in if the social cost of production gets too high. Therefore, it makes sense for us to build a community of people who have a stake in the problem..."

"Our emphasis needs to be focussed at the point of production to effectively control toxics... Simply stated, if we can protect the worker from exposure, then we will have protected the community and the environment, since the worker is the first in the circle to be affected."

## Is Your Job Safe?

OCAW industrial hygienist Charles Barrett offers some pointers on evaluating hazards in a chemical plant--suggestions that could easily be adapted to other job settings. He suggests regular walk-around surveys of the workplace to determine what materials are being used, what operations are involved, and what harmful agents workers are potentially exposed to.

In each operation, what chemicals are being used? In what quantities and how often? Are their warning labels on

containers that list their contents or caution against breathing dust or vapors or against skin contact?

What does each operation involve? Are chemicals being heated? Are dry materials being dumped or mixed? Are liquids being sprayed?...

Are there ventilation controls to remove air contaminants? Are there engineering controls to reduce exposure to noise or radiation? Does the equipment work properly? Are regular maintenance checks run?

Look for obvious signs of exposure: Can you see airborne dust, smoke or mist? Are there accumulations of dust, liquid or oil on machine surfaces, on ledges, on clothing, or in your nose of phlegm? Do you smell any odors from solvent vapors or gases? Do your eyes burn, or your throat become irritated? Do you feel a lot of vibrations? Do you have to shout to be heard by co-workers?

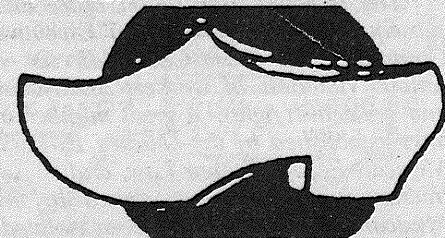
Do workers suffer health problems or complain of symptoms of ill health such as skin rashes, coughs, tightness in the chest, difficulty breathing, stuffy nose or persistent colds, headaches or dizziness, loss of appetite, fatigue, numbness in fingers, arms or legs, loss of hearing sensitivity?

*Excerpted from May-June 1993 OCAW Reporter.*

# The Workers From C.H.A.O.S.

**Direct Action Threatened:** Faced with a patchwork of union bargaining units and labor laws that effectively prevent labor solidarity, flight attendants at Alaska Airlines are threatening to unleash C.H.A.O.S. if their union-busting boss doesn't abandon its three years of stonewalling. The Association of Flight Attendants says it won't give the boss the satisfaction of striking, instead they will Create Havoc Around Our System.

The union is keeping specifics under wraps. But it might include selective strikes in which flight attendants refuse to use certain equipment on a given day or to serve meals on flights. According to an AFA news release, "Intermittent work stoppages, strikes in one city, on one route, or one type of aircraft are [also] being discussed by the flight attendants as part of a strategy they refer to as 'creative chaos'." A union spokesperson drily notes that it won't be a "normal" strike. Rather, it will be an unpredictable series of work actions that could throw the airline into chaos.



# 16,000 Coal Mine Workers Strike

By July 12, 16,000 United Mine Workers were out in camouflage fatigues in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Indiana. The selective strike targets Peabody, Arch, Consol, Ashland Coal Co., Ziegler Coal Holding Co. and Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Companies, members of Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA).

Laid-off miner Catherine Tompa outlines the issues: "The companies had already agreed that 3 out of 5 jobs in new mines would be union miners. They are renegeing on this." Tompa is president of Daughters of Mother

Jones, based in southwest Virginia.

"These non-union mines are horrible," Tompa says. "I worked in one for half a day. You know, they are supposed to put down rock dust, a white dust that helps prevent dust explosions. When they put down rock dust, you come out covered in white... When I saw I was covered in black dust, I got out. I need to work, but not that bad."

In 1989, 56 of the 68 coal miners killed on the job worked in small non-union mines. For the industry as a whole, union safety measures reduced deaths 85% between 1968 and 1988. In some cases it won the right to shut

down an unsafe mine. But when the corporations shut down a union mine and open a non-union mine under a different name, safety is the last consideration. Wages are next to last.

**We're ready for whatever comes down. And whether we're ready or not, it's coming.**

"If we go, these scab miners will be working... for minimum wage. This is a battle for all," Tompa says.

10,000 miners were laid off last year, leaving 50,000 in the union.

"It's like the old days," says John Cox, UMW regional director. "They used to torture us, use bullets to shoot us. Now, it's economic terrorism... same mentality, just a different tactic."

"We learned from the Pittston strike," Tompa says. "That's why morale is so strong. We learned we've got to stick together, that even though it's hard times, and there might be a long fight, we have to stick it out."

UMW President Richard Trumka said, "Our successful negotiations with *continued on page 10*

# Transformation: the Grand Industrial Plan of the IWW

The IWW goal is to transform industry, and now is the time to move ahead with the Industrial Union program and build an industrial democratic society!

The global re-structure of industry by capitalists at present, is destroying the basis of natural economy, life and civilization. With Free Trade deals, local production is shutting down everywhere, and people are becoming dependent on long distance transport of all goods by monopolies who place profit above human needs. At the same time, environmentalists call for an end to toxic industrial processes, and a change of living standards to a sustainable pattern.

Acted on by these forces, each industry is being altered even as we speak. The IWW must reveal its steps and goals for transforming each industry. Only the IWW has a comprehensive plan for the cooperation of workers in all industries!

As a beginning, let us examine the farm industry.

## Farm Workers Industrial Union 110

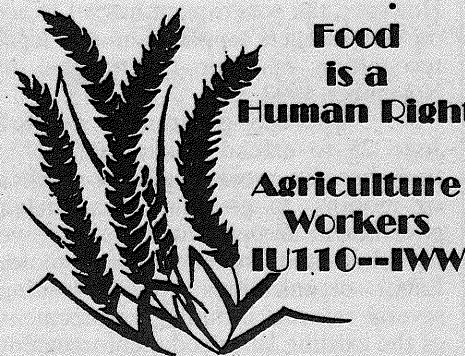
Most food is produced by farm workers. Presently, the trend to bigger agribusiness continues: larger farms, more machines, fewer workers, more chemicals, genetic manipulation, irradiation, the breakdown of health inspections, and transportation of food over increasing distances. It all adds up to a food supply that is not dependable and is of extremely poor nutritional quality if not downright poisonous.

As a more sustainable industry to serve human needs, the IWW

encourages local, organic, labor intensive food production. We are not against trading foods around the world to provide variety, but at least the basic foods for survival are better produced near to home.

There are 3 kinds of farm workers: 1. Workers in alternative, local, organic, collective farming and gardening. 2. Employees of agribusiness companies. 3. Small farmers who own their own "family farms".

The alternative farm industries are the best long term models for farming in the new society that we are building. There are two ways to organize: by setting up work-for-food barter deals with local farmers; and by setting up cooperatively owned farms -- owned by the workers, or by workers in combination with the community (consumers).



The aims of agribusiness farm workers can be supported in many ways -- such as opposing pesticides, herbicides, and racism.

The small or "family" farmer is a different breed of workers who create their own jobs by purchasing land and

being entrepreneurs or small business persons, whatever you want to call them. The main issues that concern small farmers are produce prices, costs of machinery etc, and the banks who sieze their lands for non-payment of loans. Small farms are disappearing at the rate of thousands of acres per day in North America, absorbed by the banks, usually turned into larger agribusiness farms. The farmer's family is forced into unemployment.

One way to assist the family farmer is to encourage them to use less machinery and chemicals, which will reduce their dependency on the bank. The cost of hiring local labor needed to replace the machines and chemicals, can be reduced by work-for-food deals with the community.

A second method is to help them fight the banks and keep their lands. Recently there have been incidents where neighboring farmers joined together to blockade foreclosures. A community could invest money into a land owning partnership with farmers who supply them with food.

Now, these steps of alternative co-op farms, and defending farmers' lands and forming partnerships between farmers and the community, are not traditional UNION activities. Supporting the UFW, that is a traditional UNION activity. But we must step outside of tradition and break new ground, if we want our society to have an agriculture industry controlled by the workers and communities.

To summarize: Nutritious Food is a human right, and each community must ensure a local food supply. We can assist Farm Workers and communities to assert control over Farm Lands,

Tools and Knowledge, by means of:

- Work-for-food arrangements between the community and farmers. These part time worker co-ops can be organized by IWW IU110, or by IU660.
- Collective purchase of farm lands by farm workers, with or without part ownership by community. Such co-op farms can be organized by IWW IU110.
- Support actions for UFW-organized workers; also for NFU (National Farmers Union), and any other democratic farm worker organizations.
- Actions to help defend small farmers' land from bank seizure.

In practice, the organizing of work-for-food deals might be done by Food Distribution Co-ops, which come under IU660. The food distribution industry, as well as the food processing industry, must work in combination with the farm industry, to provide local markets for farm produce. These industries will be addressed in a later column.

This column is a first step towards setting clear goals related to workers and conditions in each industry. Why should we do this? Because all the industries fit together, must fit together in order to fill the needs of the communities. By setting goals in each industry, we obtain a whole picture which will reveal new ways of forming solidarity between industries, and between workers and communities as we build a new society together.

Other unions are about jobs. IWW is about management of production by the industrial workers!

--Mynor Variante





# International Notes

## Quote of the Month

They pretend to pay me, I pretend I'm working. --Romanian worker

**Rights Cost Jobs?** British prime minister John Major claimed that protecting workers' rights would cost jobs at the semi-annual summit of the 12 leaders of the European Community June 22. Major called efforts to establish minimum social protections "muddle-headed meddling" that amounted to a "job destruction program."

**MEXICO: FORD FIRES UNION LEADERS:** Officials of the Confederation of Mexican Workers, the Mexican government and Ford are working together to break a union local at Ford's Cuautitlan plant. Ford ended its lockout at the plant June 15, but has laid off 680 workers (including the union local's entire executive board) and reassigned several others. Ford refused to negotiate the layoffs or other issues with local officers, instead meeting only with the CTM.

June 30, 1993: Local Executive Committee -- Ford Cuautitlan Balderas #32, Despacho 303 Colonia Centro Mexico D.F. MEXICO. Tel: 011-525-518-2309 Fax: 011-525-590-2021

*The removal from union office and subsequent firing of the Local Executive Committee at Ford-Cuautitlan is a serious violation of workers' individual and collective rights. A great number of laws established by the Union's By-laws, Mexican Federal Labor Law, and international agreements signed by the Mexican government, have been violated. Up to today, not one of the corresponding authorities has done anything to reestablish the legal conditions to which workers in Ford-Cuautitlan have a right.*

*We confirm that in the case of the Local Executive Committee of Ford Cuautitlan, great acts of injustice are being committed which we are not willing to tolerate.*

*We insist on asking you for your solidarity and support. Please send faxes and letters of protest to:*

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari  
FAX 011-525-522-0549

Secretary of Labor Arsenio Farel  
Cubillas  
FAX 011-525-645-5594

**PANAMA: Banana Workers Strike:** Authorities outlawed a strike by 7,000 banana workers protesting the sale of state lands to the transnational "Chiquita Brands" June 10, claiming that the right to strike was being "misused." The government asked the striking workers to "reflect on the serious harm you are doing to the national economy," while Chiquita said it was losing some \$400,000 a day from the strike.

The government says the land sale is necessary to attract new investments, but the union says it would amount to creating a colonial enclave. "They want to purchase the land so that they can control the workers and break the union," the union's president said. Land in the changuinola district is valued at 4.5 dollars per square meter, but the government is offering it to chiquita for 21 cents per square meter.

**ZIMBABWE: Child Labor:** Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions statistics show there are more than 240,000 children aged between 7 and 14 working on commercial and peasant farms and the informal sector. Most of the children, especially those on commercial farms, work for long hours and low wages.

**VANUATA GENERAL STRIKE:** The Vanuatu Council of Trade Unions called a nationwide strike following the signing of a solidarity agreement by the Vanuatu Teachers Union, the Vanuatu Public Servants Association and the National Union of Labour June 11. The strike was called in support of a three-week old strike by teachers, and is aimed at protecting fundamental trade union rights in Vanuatu. Teachers have been striking for a 25-percent pay increase and a housing allowance.

## Russian Unions Face Privatization Crisis

As the economy continues to collapse and the dying political order flails in all directions, Russian workers are attempting to feel their way towards a new order. Despite Yeltsin's victory in the April 25 referendum, a recent survey confirms that his economic policies are in fact highly unpopular. Indeed, the proportion of Russians who could be considered "active supporters" of socialism exceeded the proportion of "active opponents," though most respondents are now ambivalent.

The hopes that large numbers of Russians placed in capitalism peaked in 1990--91, and have been declining ever since. The relaxation of censorship flooded Russia with images of North American and Western European prosperity. Nowhere was the acceptance of capitalist doctrine more widespread than in relation to property ownership. In April 1991 almost 46 percent, a plurality, favored private ownership of large enterprises. But in June 1993, 41.2% of respondents preferred "a new, humane, democratic socialism" as a way out of the present crisis. Combined with supporters of the old Stalinist regime, a total of 59.5% of those polled opted for some variety of "socialism."

Russian unions have taken a variety of positions towards privatization. Most unions support privatization in principle, but strongly object to the way it is proceeding in practice--contending

that it merely enriches the former Communist bosses while undermining workers' positions. The federation of Russian labor collectives has called for a national campaign including general strikes "to stop the pilfering of the national property by the nomenclature." Unions are pressing for industries to be turned over to their workers, rather than to former managers or to foreign capitalists.

Only Sotsprof (Association of Social [formerly Socialist] Trade Unions) supports the government program, arguing that workers will be best off selling their labor in a capitalist marketplace. Indeed, Sotsprof activist and Social Democratic Party legislator Pavel Kudiukin now serves in the Yeltsin government as vice-minister of Labor. Kudiukin has called for confiscating the properties and funds of the former official unions, arguing that they "live off the discontent of the workers" and are unable to control workers and compromise their demands.

Sotsprof's chairman, Sergei Khranov, wrote Moscow's mayor in January 1992, asking for government facilities and funding to assist Sotsprof's "constructive activity... to resolve conflicts without strikes," pointing in particular to its successful effort to undermine a planned general strike called by the Moscow Federation of Trade Unions.

However, other oppositionists are calling for unions to take a more aggressive stance. Alexander Tarasov, for example, has suggested that health care workers pursue their demands not through a campaign of strikes but rather by embargoing all health care services to the bureaucrats (and their families) responsible for the current crisis in medicine--noting that it is only just that those who have denied health care workers the medicines, equipment and funds necessary to carry out their work should suffer the effects of their policies. Similarly, noting the anti-labor campaigns the Yeltsin government is waging through the press, Tarasov suggests that printing workers should refuse to print such anti-labor propaganda. "The harder the workers' situation will become, the clearer will be the redundancy of unions such as today's... And they'll tell these unions and these 'leaders' to go to hell..."

But despite their weakness, the official unions are one of very few institutions to survive the collapse of

the Soviet Union. The state has fractured, the Communist Party is a shambles, the centralized economy is in collapse. But the official trade unions have survived with their properties and bureaucratic apparatus more or less intact, even if many of their members have left for independent unions or simply allowed their membership to lapse. And the unions are adapting to current conditions by attempting for the first time in their history to defend the interests of their members.

Meanwhile, Russian workers face a serious crisis. In 1992, the minimum living standard soared from 2,387 to 14,034 roubles, while the average wage rose from 1,246 to 10,254 roubles. Thus most workers do not earn enough even to pay their rent and put food on the table. Government economists claim that inflation is caused by this growth in income, while the unions naturally take a different position. "We are convinced," says Moscow Federation of Trade Unions economist Vladimir Romanov, "that the cause... is the decrease in production. The way out of the crisis should be searched for in an increase of production and not in the continuous pauperization of the population."

## Coal Miners Strike

Coal miners in Russia and the Ukraine struck in June, demanding that government honor promises made to settle earlier strikes. A 12-day strike wave in the Ukraine drew to a close June 19; two days later Russian miners began a picket outside government offices in Moscow.

The strike wave in the Ukraine closed 90% of the country's coal mines, scores of allied plants, and 123 unrelated enterprises. On June 19 workers began returning to work after government negotiators signed a 35-point deal with union leaders.

A state of "pre-strike readiness" will remain in force until the parliament and government meet all their pledges. Widespread skepticism has been voiced about the government's readiness to meet its economic promises. As of June 23, the Independent Union of Mineworkers of the Ukraine reported, miners at 53 out of 246 pits had refused to return to work.

While miners in the Ukraine were on strike, a fierce dispute was being fought out in Russia over ways of dealing with the catastrophic problems

of the Russian coal industry. The prices coal enterprises receive have not been raised since Sept.92; they now cover only 15% of the costs of production.

The rest is made up by subsidies. But according to the newspaper *Rabochaya Tribuna*, only 29.7% of subsidies promised by government for April and May were actually handed over. The government has also violated its wage agreement with coal unions.

Drastic underfunding has meant that Russian coal enterprises now lack money for basic requirements as timber for pit props. Mine construction and repair work has effectively ceased. An already terrifying level of deaths and injuries has grown still worse. Yeltsin issued a decree abolishing price controls on coal from July 1. The intention is that coal prices will rise to "natural" market levels, and mines that cannot make a profit will be closed -- throwing miners out of work. This process will inevitably lead to a wave of renewed struggles.

(based on reports by Renfrey Clarke, posted on the LaborNet computer system, and from the Russian Labor Review, a new quarterly issues by the KAS-KOR Labor Information Center. RLR aims to publish analysis of the social and economic problems of the former Soviet republics and the labor movement's response. Subscriptions are \$30 per year (Box 16, Moscow 129642, Russia).

## SOLIDARITY



## Into the 90's

### THAILAND: Dying for Profits:

Nearly 200 workers were killed and 500 others injured in a May 19 fire at the Kader Toy factory at Nakhom Prothom near Bangkok, Thailand. The factory employed some 1,300 workers making toys for export to the United States and Europe. The fire began on the ground floor, but there were no warnings given to workers operating noisy sewing machines on upper floors until the flames had engulfed the building. One of the two exits from the building was locked, and many workers jumped out of windows in a desperate attempt to escape the blaze. Roongthip Klinjun, a worker who survived the fire, said, "Many of us would have been able to escape if we had been allowed to leave the factory right away."

The Kader toy factory was jointly owned by Hong Kong, Taiwan and Thailand companies. This was the third fire at the plant. It was gutted in 1989, resulting in the death of 10 workers. Another fire broke out a few months before the May 19 tragedy. Despite these fires, no safety measures were undertaken. Hundreds of workers paid with their lives as a result of this intentional negligence.

Survivors of the blaze have been left without compensation for their medical expenses, lost jobs, etc. Since the company has refused to meet with their representatives, they called a boycott of Kader toys on June 10. Bart Simpsons, Cabbage Patch and a number of model trains are some of the key products of Kader. Among U.S. companies directly supplied by Kader Holdings are Tyco, Fisher Price, Hasbro, Gund and J.C. Penney. More than 20 other U.S. companies, including Toys "R" Us and Wal-Mart, buy goods manufactured in other Kader factories in Thailand.

### GUATEMALA: Solidarity Wins Victory:

Workers at the East-West factory in Guatemala recently reported that physical abuse and sexual harassment of workers stopped after a visit from a labor inspector prompted by international pressure. Workers who were suspended or fired have returned to work with back pay. The workers also report that they have received a number of faxes and letters of solidarity, and asked that their expression of gratitude be conveyed to those who joined them in their struggle. However, the government has yet to act on the workers application for legal recognition of their union, filed in November 1992.

The U.S. government decided June 25 to extend Guatemala's U.S. trade benefits provisionally for another six months, to give the Guatemalan government an opportunity to improve its labor and human rights record. Labor organizations are demanding several reforms including enforcement of the existing labor code; enforcement of the minimum wage; resolution of outstanding disputes in the maquila sector, including those at East-West and Confecciones Unidas; speedier resolution in the courts of labor disputes; and enforcement of court rulings.



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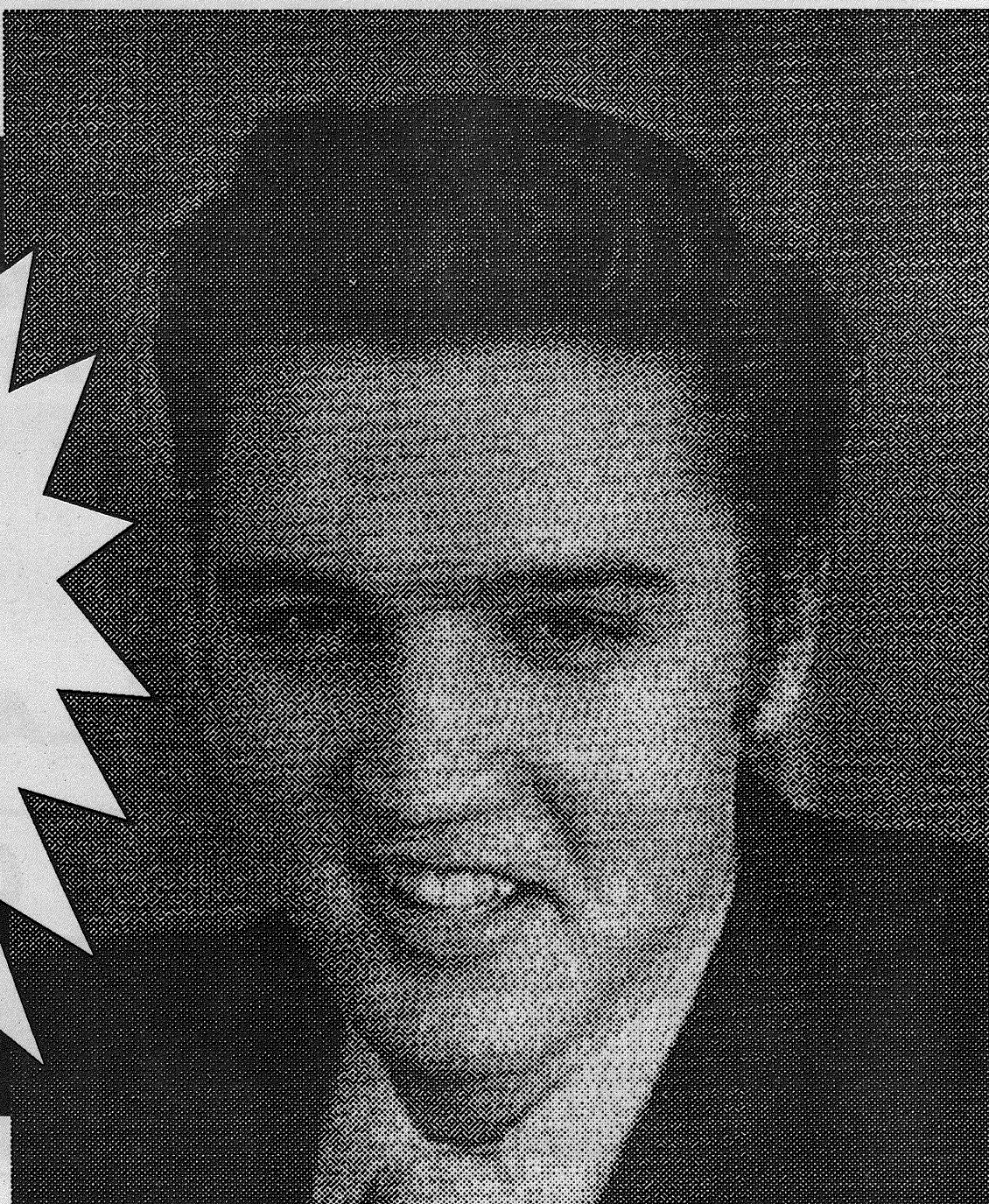
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# ELVIS IS LAID OFF

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**To make them work harder!**

# **ELEPHANTS TURNED INTO DOPE FIENDS!**

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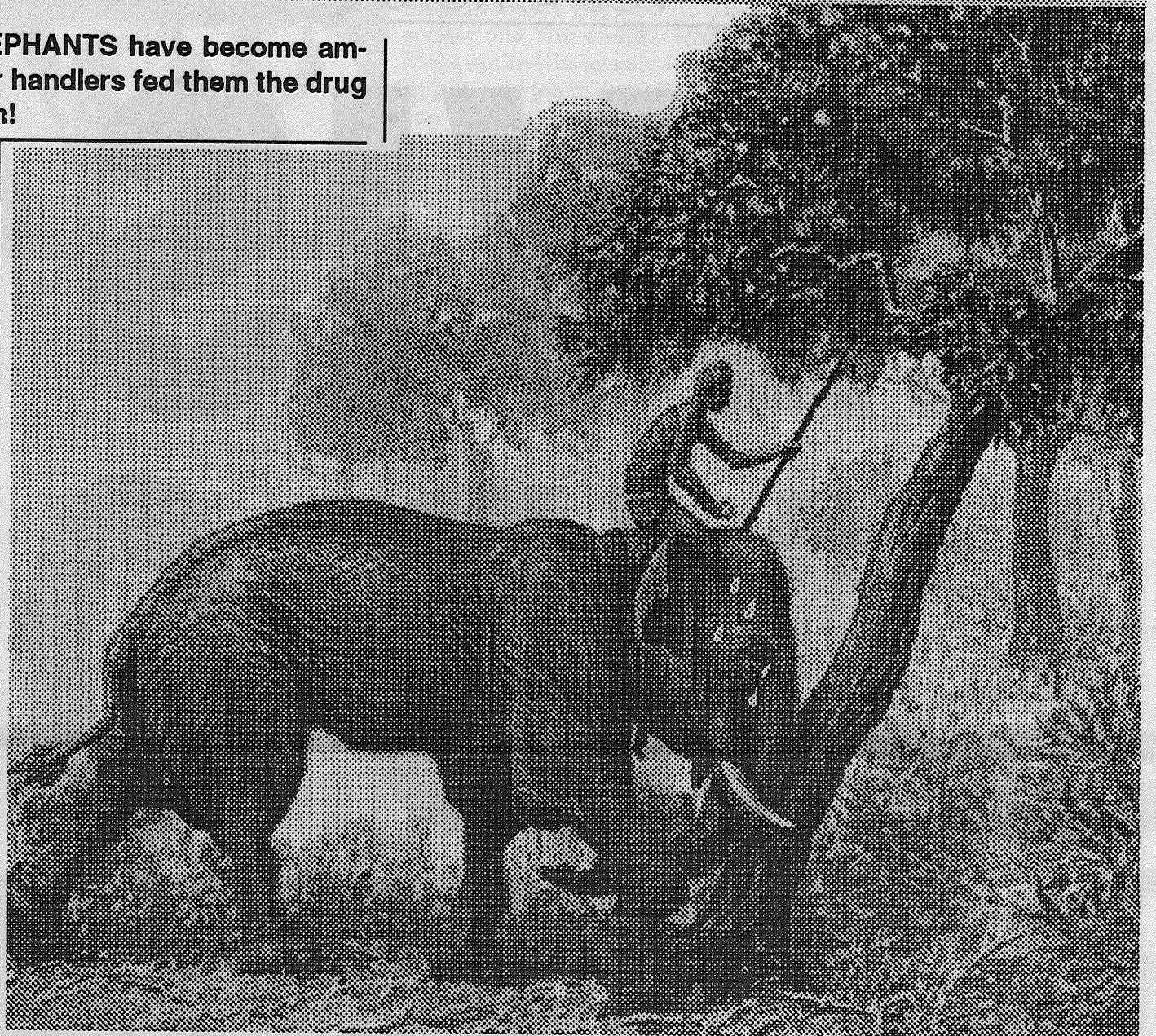
By T. LEARY  
Special to the Wage Slave

According to a Reuters news dispatch, some of the blasted behemoths were seriously ill or malnourished as a result of their addiction. The plastered pachyderms are recuperating at a northern Thailand rehabilitation center.

The elephants became addicted to amphetamines after their handlers laced their food with the drug to get them to work longer hours. Many elephants are used in the logging industry.

The drugging of the elephant workers continues a long capitalist tradition of doping workers to force more work out of them. The tradition is believed to have been started in Britain at the beginning of the industrial revolution when early capitalists plied their workers with coffee and sugar so they could endure the 12 to 14 hour work-days.

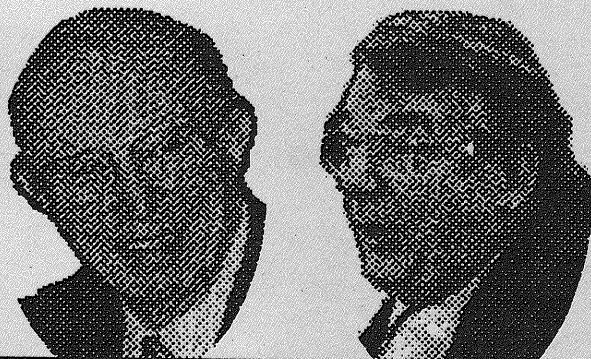
In the late 19th and early 20th century lumber barons hooked their workers on heroin to prevent them from leaving for more lucrative work or striking. In the 1990's, capitalists use crack cocaine to hook migrant farm workers.



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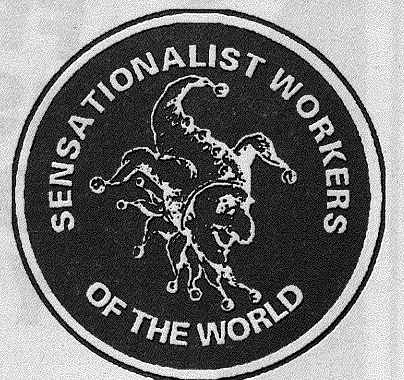


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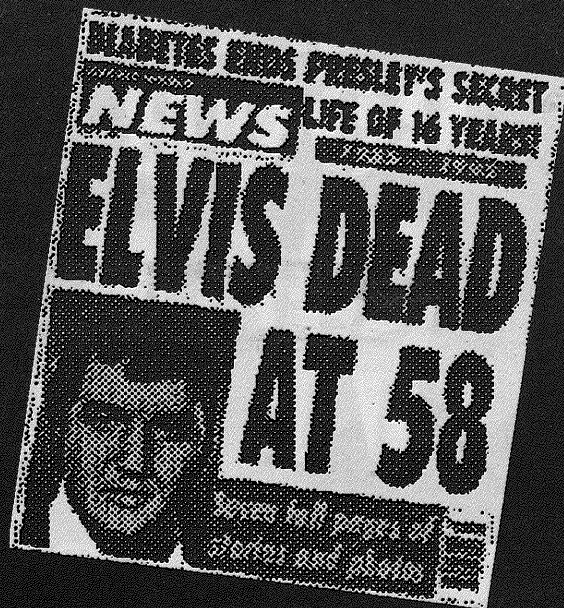
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# ELVIS FIRED!



**Loses his job as "DEAD ELVIS" after sixteen years of hard work!**

ELVIS PRESLEY, THE KING OF ROCK & ROLL, has been fired from his job at the supermarket tabloid *Weekly World News*! In a fit of capitalist callousness the *Weekly World News* has ruthlessly killed off The King, thereby throwing him out of the job he held since his "death" in 1977.

By MAIRZY DOTZ  
Special to the Wage Slave

The June 15, 1993 issue of the *Weekly World News* reported that Elvis died at 58 after lapsing into a diabetic coma. Privately, the sensationalist newspaper admits that his "death" was caused by the need to cut costs in order to compete in the global market. Apparently the cataclysmic decline of capitalism throughout the world has also effected supermarket journalism.

For the last 15 years Elvis has traveled the world promoting "Elvis sightings" which provided numerous stories for the *Weekly World News*. The last 14 months have been exceptionally lucrative for the former "King of Rock 'n' Roll". On May 19, 1992 the *Weekly World News* reported that a wax dummy was found in Elvis' grave.

"Since that time, I've broken my leg in a motorcycle crash (7/28/92), gotten married (8/25/92), visited with my new grandson (11/24/92), and even learned that my "Secret Son" was found (3/16/93)," says the rock legend. "After all that hard work, to be kicked out of a job just like that came as a real shock."

News of Elvis' firing came in the most brutal manner. "I read it in the paper," he said.

Dazed and jobless, The King tried his hand at selling appliances. But unable to put his talents to good use, The King has reportedly collapsed into an extreme state of depression. Sources close to Elvis say he is under a doctor's care and is heavily sedated.

Rumors that the *Wage Slave World News* will respond to global market pressures in a similar manner by killing off Joe Hill, the hopelessly senile 100+ year old labor singer, are unsubstantiated.



An emotionally devastated "King of Rock 'n' Roll", stooped to selling appliances after being brutally fired from his job.



# WILL CLINTON BOMB THE WAR ZONE?

**PRESIDENT CLINTON BELIEVES that working people are dangerous invaders and has threatened to bomb the state of Illinois to stop their advance!**

By JEFF DITZ  
Special to the Wage Slave

In a desperate attempt to save his presidency, and his capitalist friends, Mr. Clinton has begun to deploy military force around the state of Illinois, which has been called a war zone.

Over the last few weeks, Illinois has been the sight of fierce battles between wage slaves and corporate terrorists. Auto workers are waging war against brutal dictators at Caterpillar Corporation in Peoria and Decatur. In Springfield, 1700 utility workers are battling the Central Illinois Public Service Company. Decatur is also the site of the A.E. Staley company, which has locked out 750 members of Allied Industrial Workers local 837. In southern Illinois, over 2,000 mine workers are also on strike.

On June 26th, over three thousand workers wound a three mile human chain through the streets of Decatur, Illinois, connecting the Caterpillar and Staley plants. Striking mineworkers joined wage

slaves from the Staley and Caterpillar factories in connecting the two plants. Under the horrified gaze of capital's captains, the proletarian patriots patrolled the prairie.

"It's a war zone here," said demonstrators. "They're trying to kill us in the plants. The bosses want to rule through torture and slavery. We've had it."

"We have no choice," one corporate bigwig warned the president, "we must hire half the working class to scab on and kill the other half."

The desperate demagogues of demon profit then called upon their commander-in-chief to protect their corporate crime empires by any means necessary. Presided over by a High Banker from First America Bank, the top officers of Staley, Caterpillar and several mining companies met with the president in secret session to map out their counter attack.

"My advice to you is to wear a hard hat," warned one wary worker, "something's going to happen in this country."

"There is no place else to work here," said one corn mill conspirator. "Hell, there's no place to work in the U.S.A.!"

The president and his corporate cabal were determined to keep it that way.

## Robert Mack did his time, Let this man FREE!

I'm madder than hell! And I want you to get mad too. Why? Because, Robert Mack is in prison for coming in to work late.

Mack worked at General Dynamics for 24 years -- that's 50,000 hours plus overtime. He's 42 years old, divorced with three kids. He did all that time and then got fired for "excessive tardiness." Give me a break. This is a guy who did what society told him and got shafted. Mack worked the missile assembly line. A good job in America. A guy can get a mortgage and plan on security. But the class war means some sell-you-out pencil pusher orders people like Mack -- likely to someday get a pension -- pushed out the door. It's happening all over. The Post Office, the auto companies, probably the place you work too. At General Dynamics foremen laugh in the face of workers. "Yeah, file the grievance and by the time it gets heard you'll be fired."

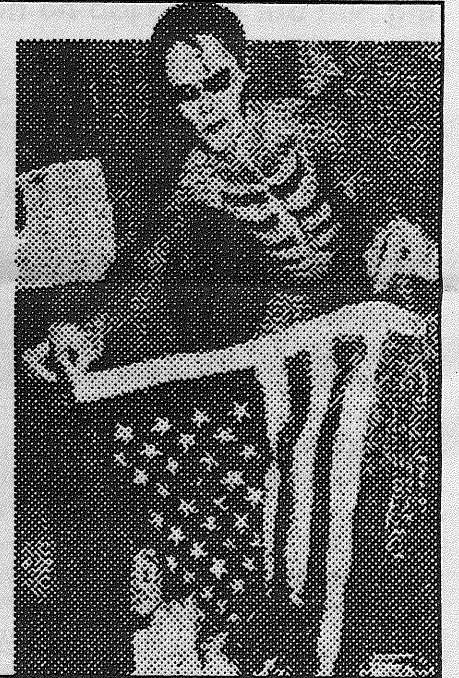
Mack's car broke down. The bus could get him to work at 6 am. GD changed the shift to 5:30 and

bosses. His foreman just got brain damage. Well if you ask me all foremen have brain damage and this guy could probably do his old job once his head hole heals enough to keep the machine oil out

The dead 25 year old from personnel department was a guy in training for a life of crime. His well paid future (he was also a law student) would have been 30 years of exporting jobs, stealing pensions & wages, and destroying futures for folks like Robert Mack. Well, all right, both these guys got a Mom. And neither was a capitalist, just a boss. But friends it's a class war out there and it kills 10,000 workers on the job every year. ZERO bosses go to jail!

No -- I don't advocate doing what Mack did. You should NOT shoot your boss. But Robert Mack does not belong in the penitentiary either. This guy doesn't have a history of violence and he isn't going to do this again. He acted out of total frustration. Mack's union rep with the Machinists -- Bill Irwin -- kept

## Derek Akshun's INDIG- NATION



counted up his latenesses. They sacked Mack by mail. Opening the letter he thought "Termination. What's a termination? Termination is when you take everything away from me, my job and everything. It leaves me with nothing."

Mack couldn't sleep after that. He would see the letter bursting into flames. When Mack lost control after a one-sided hearing in the "grievance" charade what did his fellow workers say? Well they weren't surprised. "This place is like the Post Office," they told reporters, "We knew this would happen."

The morning of the grievance hearing Mack took his last \$40 and bought a pistol. Mack would leave his red blood on GD's floor making up for the red ink GD claimed his being late to work caused. Hard to be unemployable and obsolete at 42. Mack says after the hearing he blacked out. He remembers an orange flash and an image of riding a big black cat. Then coming to and telling him to stop as he raised the gun to his own head. Instead of shooting himself he'd shot two

up the fight to get Mack's job and back pay. Irwin says he would have gotten Mack his job back if the case had been heard.

Mack was outspoken when things were unfair so he got fired while the foreman's favorite workers had worse tardiness records. Sound familiar? An arbitrator named Block ruled that because Mack had expressed his "complete and irrevocable rejection" of faith in the grievance process he wasn't entitled to use it. Now there's a Catch-22 to win every case for the company.

Mack's defense attorney Michael Roake says Mack was naive. "Mack never saw it coming. He saw his seniority as a shelter while in this time of cutbacks it was not a shield but a target."

This man did what society told him to do. He got a good job and kept it. Now he's facing at least 17 years in jail. Robert Mack should be released for time served. The time he's served in jail and factory is enough! Robert Mack has "paid his debt to society", SET HIM FREE!





St. Martins Press, 1992, \$7.95.

*Greetings from this Modern World* titles a collection of cartoons by Tom Tomorrow. Tom's one- to six-panel drawings appear regularly in about 50 newspapers nationwide. The strip got its start in *Processed World*, 'zine of choice for many class-conscious wage slaves of the office.

And where is Tom's modern world? It's somewhere between the here and now, and Dan Perkin's (a.k.a. Tom Tomorrow) imagination, which seems to be parked near the museum of Situationist humor. With the exception of one rather hip penguin named Sparky, Tomorrow's land is populated with characters who look as if they were drawn from a parallel universe of the 1940s and '50s a la "Steve Canyon," Brenda Starr" and "Terry and the Pirates." However, the words which issue from their mouths resemble more the blurted truths of the child at the dinner table who points to the "thing" protruding from Aunt Lizzy's nose, than the Limbaughesque rhetoric one might expect from these images. We laugh that nervous laugh of recognition -- the recognition of habitually repressed awareness.

Using pictures as a method for social commentary is as old as the art of drawing itself. Even high-minded printers like Goya did it; Hogarth was among the first to mix in a bit of exaggeration to harpoon the foibles of his contemporaries. And yes, cartoonists of the present do this too; but most do not attempt to shake the foundations of this modern world.

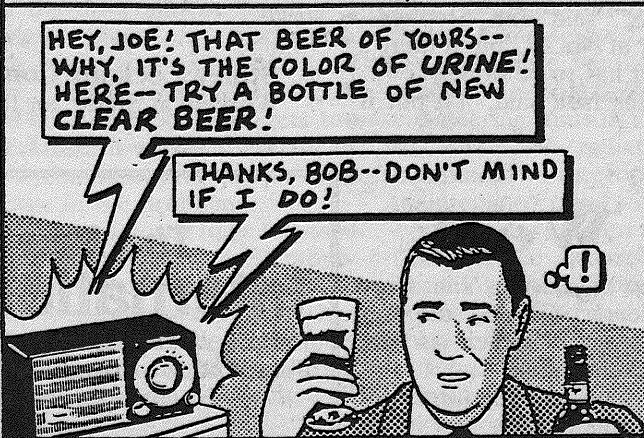
And what are those foundations? Ideological lies, superficial human relations, contentless politics, cheapness as a way of life -- the marketplace of commodity culture. So, we have the one-dimensional George Bush with a speech balloon coming out of his thin lipped mouth matter-of-factly expressing the word, "Lies." This might be followed with another cartoon where we see the ever-rushed, type A sort of daddy giving sound bites of information to his children as a way of spending quality time during potential photo ops. The political pundit's talking head is skewered, shown pounding the axioms of trickle-down theories, truth, justice and the American way into an uncritical open-minded public, mesmerized in front of their TV sets.

It's a naive public in this modern world -- a public whose intelligence has somehow been cheapened in direct relation to the cheapening of the commodities which surround them. Mr. Block would be proud of

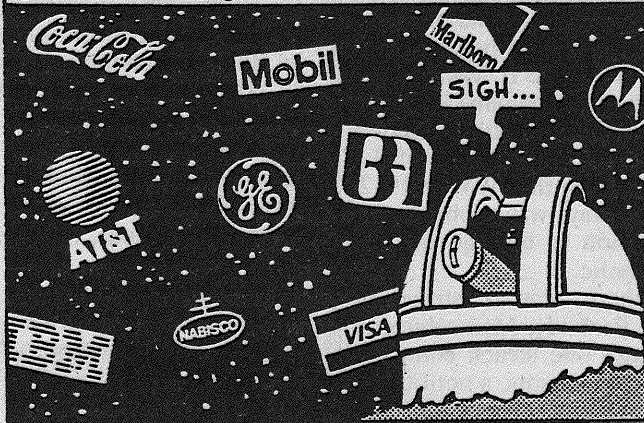
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Book Review by Mike Ballard

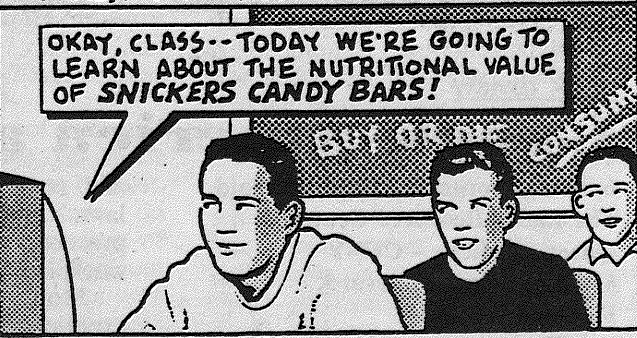
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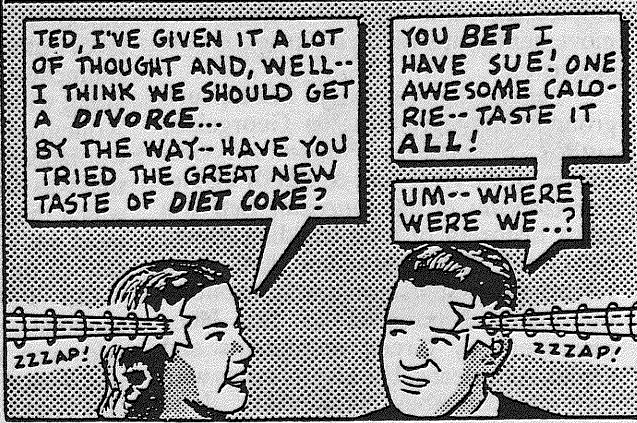
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the people of this modern world. Cheapness permeates their daily lives: advertisers urge them to accumulate greater piles of useless things, as a way to enrich their socially impoverished existence. They naively accept the most blatantly absurd invasions of

privacy by the corporate and state authorities. These themes form the content of *Greetings from this Modern World*. They set Tom Tomorrow apart from the garden variety of cartoonists and make his work an enlightening, delightful, if black romp.



## Preamble to the IWW Constitution

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the means of production, abolish the wage system, and live in harmony with the Earth.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all. Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for everyday struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

## New Video To Be Released Older = Bolder: Anarchist Elders

Mother Courage Productions, 1993. VHS \$25@ (\$20 for IWW members) plus \$2.50 postage & handling from IWW Lit, 1476 W. Irving Park, Chicago IL 60613.

Yes, fellow worker zimya a. toms-trend, a.k.a. Mother Courage Productions is nearing completion of this long-awaited educational film. Release on VHS video cassette is tentatively scheduled for September 1, 1993.

This 28-minute film is a message from Anarchist Elders to younger activists, and summarizes the life work and principles of six elders including four members of the IWW. Ruth Sheridan describes her work at an anarchist refugee camp in Harlingen Texas, and Honduran camps for El Salvadorean refugees. It is very appropriate that this film release features Harry Siitonen, 1993 General Secretary Treasurer of the IWW. Harry talks about IWW, his work as a printer in typographic union, anti-war work and the legacy of Finnish Socialists.

Jean Pauline, who works at Modern Times Bookstore (SF) discusses cooperation vs. competition, feminism, and non-heirarchical communes of the 1960s. Audrey Goodfriend was an anarchist-pacifist in World War II, who helped start Walden Center School at Berkeley in 1957. Audrey also talks about non-marriage and Emma Goldman.

The late great FW Mel Most describes his journalism work and experience as General Manager of WBAI-FM; organizing work with The Living Theatre (NYC) in 1990, as well as prostitute organizing; and expounds anarchism. Utah Phillips defines anarchism as lifestyle, talks about property and violence, education and schools. Utah also provides a song, "I Have Lived A Good Life," and the voice of Billy Bragg opens the film with part of "The Internationale."

More than just "talking heads," *Anarchist Elders* gets visual -- with shots

of old photographs, and a clip of Utah in concert. FW zimya has just completed her Master of Arts degree in Cinema Production at San Francisco State University. For the past 7 years she has worked on *Anarchist Elders*. FW zimya is also engaged in production of a film documenting the life of Emma Goldman, to be completed in 1994-95.

*Anarchist Elders: Older Equals Bolder* is a fine educational film. It is a way of passing on wisdom and experience from elders to youth, and a good promotion of the IWW principles. You will want to have public showings of this video in your neighborhood.

You can send your advance order now if you wish, and IWW Lit will forward your copy of the video as soon as it is available. With luck, FW zimya hopes to have the videos available for distribution at the 1993 IWW Assembly in San Francisco on the Labor Day weekend. (mv)

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## Coal Miners Strike

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The UMW has reached interim agreements with AMAX, the nation's 3rd- largest coal producer, Freeman Energy Corp., AEP Inc. and CLI Corp.

The BCOA contract covers some 60,000 miners.

Most Miners accept the strike as an unavoidable necessity. "I think

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everybody's prepared for it," said Irvin Turner, miner at No. 37 -- a UMW stronghold since the late 1930s. At Local 7425 union hall at Clutts, KY the visage of longtime UMW president John L. Lewis looms from an enormous photo on the wall.

"Nobody wants to go through a thing like this," said Jim Stephens, scoop operator at No. 37, "but if there's no other way it has to be done."

Miner James Ison said, "I'll put it

this way - we're ready for whatever comes down. And whether we're ready or not, it's coming."

### INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

On 3 June, nearly 1,000 Australian miners walked off their jobs for 24 hours in support of the USA miners' strike.

### Staley Lockout Continues

Workers at Staley, an Illinois plant

that makes corn syrup products, are locked out with no contract since Sept. 30, 1992. Average age of workers is 40, average time on the job 15-20 years. The company wanted to throw these workers on the scrap heap, but they are resisting.

Workers at Caterpillar plants in the midwest are working under an imposed contract. Being in the workplace they are finding ways to agitate for better conditions.

### book review

## Greek America at Work

by Dan Georgakas. \$5.50 postpaid.

The Labor Resource Center,  
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The history of organized labor in the United States owes a large debt to those immigrants who came over looking for better economic conditions as well as a little respect. Not finding the fabled land of milk and honey, they swelled the ranks of the budding labor movement that straddled our two recent centuries.

This modest tome tells of one such group of immigrants. Dan Georgakas, author of *Solidarity Forever: An Oral History of the IWW* and co-editor of *The Encyclopedia of the American Left* is a labor historian of long standing. Being of Greek heritage, Dan has done remarkable research on the contribution of Greek Americans to the labor movement by Greek immigrants and Greek Americans. His history starts with one of Columbus' seafarers, Juan Griego. As many Greeks had been sailors through the centuries, other Greeks also came to the North American continent prior to the mass migration in the late 1800s. One of the earliest Greek enclaves was the sponge fishing colony in Taron Springs, Florida where their age-old methods of gathering sponges gave them an edge on the industry. While other sponge fishers did not allow Blacks to work with them, the Greeks did, and under the same share system that applied to themselves.

Because of their long history under Turkish occupation there was a sympathy for other colonised peoples

and regardless of existing Jim Crow laws, those early Greeks did not practice segregation either in the workplace or their unions.

More typical of the early Greek job experiences in this country was in the mill towns of New England where many immigrants found their first employment opportunities. Like other immigrants, sometimes their first jobs were as strikebreakers -- many times not knowing a strike was in progress. They quickly learned the value and need of labor unions and soon became the staunchest of unionists. It was Greeks along with Italians, Albanians, Syrians, Armenians and Turks who responded wholeheartedly to the Lawrence strike that was organized by the IWW in 1912, which the author says was probably the most radical union to emerge on this side of the Atlantic.

In 1933 there was a strike of shoemakers in Peabody, Massachusetts and even though one struck company was owned by compatriots, a petition of 200 Greek merchants, proprietors and civic leaders demanded "an immediate stop to be put to the most inhumane practice in the civilised World - strike breaking."

Despite the fact that the fur industry was dominated by Jewish owners and workers there were also some Greek-owned shops employing Greek furriers. Greek organizers were hired by the furriers union and the Greek furriers soon fought in solidarity with their Jewish fellow workers despite the racist tactics of the Greek owners. These owners castigated their country men for having more in common with their Jewish fellow workers than with their own nationality, as well as criticising them for belonging in the same union with Blacks.

While half the Greek workers remained in major urban centers, many found employment out West in the mines and harvest fields. They played an active role in the Wheatland, California strike organized by the IWW. They were also active in the Western Federation of Miners and later in the IWW. On the memorial to the miners and their families who died in the massacre at Ludlow, Colorado, the name of Louis Tikas heads the list. In a later Colorado strike where Greeks were between 10-30% of the work force in certain mines, they once more proved to be militant strikers with their own share of martyrs. In an IWW lawsuit against the mineworkers the majority of the surnames were Greek.

Many of the early Greek immigrants were single men with the result they intermarried with other groups. In the case of the Western miners there was considerable intermarriage with Mexicans. The early Greek immigrants worked closely with other immigrant groups as well as racial minorities. At that time there was much overt racism against immigrants from southern European countries, which was a significant factor in fomenting the militancy of the union movement.

The author goes on to write about the formation of cultural and social organizations, and eventual entry into the "mainstream." This is an important little book for the labor historian who would like to know about the contributions of but one immigrant group. For many of the mainstream statesiders who are prone to think of Greeks as restaurant owners, movie moguls or shipping magnates, the book can be a most valuable revelation.

--Carlos Cortez

## The New Internationale

Music by Johann Sebastian Bach  
Tune: O Sacred Head Now Wounded  
Words by James W. Barclay c.1993

All workers are united  
By labor and by blood  
All nations, creeds and races  
All Sister-Brotherhood

Controlling all production  
The fruits of all our toil  
In factories and workshops  
The quarries and the soil

The blessings of our labor  
Cut free starvation's chain  
From each his sweat and talent  
To each her needs, the same

We ask for no perfection  
We need no charity  
Our liberty in labor  
Shall lead us to be free

So march we forth in duty  
Stand witness for all Life  
For justice, truth and beauty  
Make worth the pain and strife

No more the common prison  
No more in jeopardy  
All bosses shall be banished  
Humanity set free

And when the battle's over  
All workers shall be free  
To spread their wings of passion  
And creativity

New earth and sea surround us  
Our banner now unfurled  
We hail the Industrial  
Workers of the World.

### Music for Workers

## The New Internationale

**Author's note:** *L'Internationale*, by Pierre DeGeyter, was never meant to be a song, much less an anthem (Pete Seeger will tell you that). It was a poem of vision by one of the district mayors of Paris Commune. I've always loved that old hymn *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*, from the 2nd part of Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*. It was designed by Bach as an anthemic part of the oratorio, sandwiched in between the recitativ. (Notice references to Kropotkin, Bakunin, IWW Preamble, John Dewey's "To each according..." Like Prego sauce, it's in there.)

Another thing: *L'Internationale* has long been associated with the totalitarian, now deceased Soviet Union. In fact it was the theme in the movie *Reds*. Besides, the words are almost unmemorable. I know of only one other person besides myself, who can sing the entire tune and verses. The chord changes are too complex. It is just too damned complicated and arcane. This *New Internationale* speaks of rebirth, passion, hope and the IWW vision. It is one of the best known tunes in the Classical music world (Joe Glazer even made words to it called *Because All Men Are Brothers*, recorded by Arlo Guthrie and Shenandoah). It is a good tune. And to me, good enough for us'ns in the OBU.

With that, I submit this composition as the new anthem for the IWW. It was written - at least the words, by a Wobbly. --Yers, Jim Barclay X337013

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## Skye Ferry...

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as it subsidizes the smaller ferries. If this service goes, it will not just be the 38 ferryworkers jobs that go down the drain, but other island industries as well.

Work is underway constructing the cason legs which are then floated out to the channel and positioned in the ocean bed. This involves the use of large cranes on barges near the islands. Work was to begin on the islands themselves in June.

### EARTH FIRST! ACTION CAMP

An Earth First! action camp began on the 2nd June, and with the wider community are putting up a fight. Already (4 days in) we're 10+ arrests and major injunction being laid on some locals. A few EF!/Wobs will be trying to organize with Marine Transport Workers, but we need inter-national support to defeat such a powerful enemy. And since the BOA has a major office in San Francisco, we hope folks, especially Wobs from Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union #510, will pay them a call. These Earth/community trashing bastards can be beat but they need tackling from both sides. (Source--Davey Garland, IWW--MSEF! Glastonbury, Somerset)

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He said that all revolutions are not the same

They are as different as the cultures that give them birth

For no one idea can solve every problem on earth

So don't expect it all to happen

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Billy Bragg

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"We know the government is coming to get us. But we are not afraid," said a spokesperson at the Federation of Hyundai Labor Unions in Ulsan. Workers put down their tools at 7 Hyundai units, including the nation's largest carmaker, Hyundai Motor, Hyundai Construction Equipment Industrial, Hyundai Electrical Engineering and shipbuilder Hyundai Heavy Industries, to demand better wages and conditions.

Prosecutors want to arrest 10 union leaders at Hyundai as well as Dan Byung-ho, chairman of Chonno-hyop, a radical nationwide trade union group accused of masterminding the labor unrest in the southeastern industrial city of Ulsan, home to 17 of Hyundai's 34 subsidiaries.

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--How many of your co-workers already feel the same way? To find out, just ask them what they think is the answer to the problems at work.

--Arrange for a meeting -- maybe just a drink after work -- with those who are pro-union. Explain what you know about how to form a union, bring literature, or invite an IWW delegate to show up.

--Make a list of workers who are for, against, and neutral. Get the ones who are pro-union to help talk to the neutrals. You want as much support as you can get, and you need more than half.

--What are the main benefits you hope to achieve?

--The strength of your union will depend on your ability to control production -- to slow down or stop the process, in order to persuade the boss to negotiate. What are the best ways to control the production process where you work?

--If you can't get a majority to join the union right away, those in favor can still join the IWW. Even a small group of united workers on the shop floor can do a lot by sticking together!

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### Environmental Writer Jailed

Rik Scarce, author of *Eco-Warriors: Understanding the Radical Environmental Movement* (1990), was jailed May 14 in Spokane, Washington. Scarce refuses to answer questions from a federal grand jury, claiming that his sources of information were confidential. He was the fourth witness to go to jail in a nationwide investigation of the Animal Liberation Front.

"Research and Academic Freedom in America is threatened by government interference," he said. "I'd recommend jail to all grand jury witnesses." Scarce plans to appeal to the US Supreme Court. Rik Scarce Legal Defense Fund, PO Box 2463 CS, Pullman WA 99165. (509)332-4279 or (509)334-7831.

## Nurses Protest Harassment

Health workers in Peru were to strike on 16 June to demand the reinstatement of two nurses sacked after they accused their supervisor of sexual harassment, according to union leaders. Two women who complained of sexual harassment at a Lima health centre, were fired while their alleged aggressor was kept on the job, union officials said.

The union, representing 55,000 hospital and clinic workers including doctors and nurses, wants health authorities to fire the man accused of the harassment and to reinstate the nurses at their jobs. During the strike the health workers will also demand higher wages. --Radio Exterior de Espana

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## IWW BINGO STRIKE WINS CONTRACT!!!

Allentown PA-- Just hours before a court was to rule on NLRB charges against management, Boulevard Bingo agreed June 22 to a contract with members of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World). Grievance procedures, work rules, discipline, work standards and seniority were part of the last minute settlement. PASCAL and Allied Air Force, the Bingo club owners, both agreed to reinstate all fired workers and pay nearly \$25,000 back wages. --continued on Page 1

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